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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of claims
fees due upon entry into national phase, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-2, 6, and 8-9.

3. (amended) A compound according to claim ²¹19,
[as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2] wherein the (+)-
enantiomer is present in an amount of no more than about
5% w/w.

4. (amended) A compound according to claim ²¹19,
[as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3] wherein the (+)-
enantiomer is present in an amount of no more than about
2% w/w.

5. (amended) A compound according to claim ²¹19,
[as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4] wherein the (+)-
enantiomer is present in an amount of no more than about